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The Wizardry of Sewell

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Twisting and weaving, Jackie Sewell eludes Drummond (Vic.) as he approaches goal and shoots before Jack (Vic.) can get to him. We regret to state that it resulted in one of his seven goals.

Editorial

All communications re "Soccer News" must be sent to the Editor, V. J. M. Dixon, 42 Nelson Street, Sandringham, S.8.



Last week-end was unfortunately a tragic one. On Saturday afternoon a member of the Sunshine United was unlucky enough to sustain a broken leg in the game with Footscray City. Having seen the whole incident, I can safely say that no blame was attachable to anyone. It was just one of those pieces of bad luck which seem to "dog" Sunshine City. To the player concerned (I regret I have not his name) we offer our sympathy and the wish that he will soon be back on his feet again.

Then on Sunday in the Under 19 State trials a young player received a tap on the ankle which at first glance seemed also like a broken bone. We sincerely hope that such is not the case and hope he, too, will soon be around again.

In view of some unfavorable reports in some sections of the Press on the conduct of the Yallourn team, it is pleasing to hear first-hand from Referee Hadfield, who officiated at Yallourn on Saturday, that the game was a clean one and that both teams conducted themselves perfectly. It is possible in the heat of a game for some of us to forget how much work it takes to build a great club. No club has had a harder fight to reach the top of the tree than these Gippslanders. Living as they do more than 90 miles from the city, a team is sent to Melbourne each week at heavy cost. All the year round the club is working hard to raise the necessary finance to do this. Yet Yallourn is still able to find time to assist the formation of the new Latrobe Valley League. That success has come to its team this season (for it is only one point behind the leaders in Division 1) is a credit to the players and also to the grand little band of soccer "addicts" who have done all the spade work.

No changes took place at the top of the League the last week, but the four teams which are fighting to stave off relegation are having a hectic struggle. None of the quartet can yet feel safe. Juventus, by downing Moreland, has considerably enhanced chances of promotion from League to the First Division. In Division 3 Caledonian's defeat of Moorabbin has definitely placed the side in a challenging position for promotion from the League, while in Division 4 Polonia continues on its winning way, with Ulsterville and Slavia fighting for second place.

Among the Juniors Brighton Under 19 team—undefeated in the League—is being given a lot of "hurry-up" from Moorabbin City, which in League games has won once only. Lucky to draw at Moorabbin in a "bath of water" it was confidently felt that on Hurlingham Park's turf Brighton would set the seal on the first round. The Moorabbinites refused to see it that way, with the result that a second replay will be necessary to decide which of the teams goes into round two.

After all the space Soccer has recently received in the Press, it was disappointing to see how little there was in the Saturday evening papers—and whose fault was it? The clubs' fault!!! There were more results not in the papers than there were in, all simply because clubs could not be bothered ringing up results in time for them to go in the papers. Even a crop of fines does not seem to put the necessary enthusiasm into some clubs where publicity is concerned.

Recent suggestions about putting 2/- in the collection box at games seemed at first to have borne fruit. Some of us have been getting a little lax again. It still costs as much to run a club as it did a month ago. So come on, folks. Stick in the two bob which the game is worth to you and which your club so urgently needs.

THE WORLD SOCCER CUP

By Vic. Rose



The controlling body for international soccer football is the International Football Federation, generally known as F.I.F.A., with headquarters in Paris.

During 1929 the then president of the F.I.F.A., M. Jules Rimet, donated a cup for international competition. This cup is now popularly known as the World Cup, and the winner becomes "Champion of the World."

Each national association which is a member of the F.I.F.A. is entitled to enter a representative team, and any association that wins the trophy three times, not necessarily in succession, keeps the cup in perpetuity.

Because of the large number of entries, there are regional qualifying competitions on similar lines to the Davis Cup in tennis. The competition proper is played out between the last sixteen teams. Two teams are automatically in the final sixteen, the team of the country which last won the cup, and the team of the country which is staging the competition proper.

For the purposes of the qualifying rounds, the world is divided into fourteen geographical groups. Each group plays home and away fixtures, with two points for a win and one point for a draw. The winner of each of the fourteen groups goes to the competition proper.

When the sixteen qualified teams are known the cup committee selects four of them and places one in each of four sections. Lots are then drawn and the remaining twelve teams are grouped in these sections, four in each. When the four sectional champions are decided, this decision being reached on an ordinary league basis of two points for a win and one point for a draw, they play one another in the same way and the winner becomes "Champion of the World."

As will be noticed each of the last four teams must play at least six matches in the competition proper, irrespective of how many they have played in the qualifying rounds.

Each Association reaching the competition proper is awarded eleven silver medals, and the champion side gets, in addition, gold medals to a maximum number of twenty-two.

Any player taking part in this part of the competition qualifies. Each player must be a subject of the country he represents, and a member of a club under the jurisdiction of his country's association.

The World Cup series is held every four years, the results to date being:—

Year	Where Played	Winner
1930	Uruguay	Uruguay.
1934	Italy	Italy
1938	France	Italy
1950	Brazil	Uruguay

None of the British associations competed until 1950, when the English Association entered a team which was beaten in the competition proper by the U.S.A. and Spain, which, as the poet says, "only goes to show."

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Like all other people, referees show temperamental differences. Some fortunate persons are so phlegmatic that nothing disturbs and they can take whatever comes in their stride, so to speak, with a serenity envied by their less fortunate brothers. Leaving, however, the highly strung to their misery, it is no bad thing to have a streak of nervous energy in one's make-up. It can key up all the senses and this mental acuteness reacts on physical powers. We feel braced and are ready for the fray. Allied to this may well be a "sinking feeling"—a desire to get on with the job and know and face the worst. Physical reaction to this varies and, no doubt, many recall how the first wail of the siren meant an incontinent dash to the bathroom. There are two sedatives to this phase—one to be in good company, and the other, to become actively engaged in the appointed task. If you can travel to a match with one of the other officials, well and good. Cheerful chatter keeps each from being broody or introspective. Otherwise some referees make their lonely way in an increasing state of trepidation—even fearfulness. All this, of course, departs once the field is taken and a good example is the recent statement of a Cup-final linesman that the referee had almost to be put into the field, but once there, he gave one of the best displays ever seen at Wembley. But, mainly, it is of the journey that we write and when this has to be made alone and is of any length and your tummy feels a bit unsettled, make every forward precaution, please!—With acknowledgments to the "Essex Referee."

ENGLISH TOUR

Claims in connection with the above should be submitted immediately to the undersigned. Next week I hope to commence a series of articles dealing with the eight days in Victoria of the English team—the inner workings of the task of getting 30,000 people into the M.C.G.—personalities of the players—my own frustrations and (whisper it) my mistakes!

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Queen's Park Amateur Soccer Club

By REX BENSON

I compliment Vic. Rose who, as a Spurs supporter, gives the palm to Arsenal as the most famous club in the world, especially after Tottenham Hotspurs have become League Champions and are the richest club in the game. Incidentally, I would point out that the "Gunnery" were known as "The Arsenal" until George Allison took over as manager early in the '30's, and dropped the definite article so that the club would appear high up on the alphabetical list.

There are sure to be many Glasgow exiles who consider the Rangers to have been usurped, but I am raising a claim on behalf of a club for which we should have special regard, as it is purely amateur. I refer to Queen's Park, twice finalists in the English Cup, oft-times Scottish League champions, and cup-holders so often at the end of the last century that the shadow of the cup was reputed to have worn a mark on the panelling above the club's board-room mantelpiece. Perhaps this panelling was new when I saw it as a guest of the club in 1947, but the almost legendary names and deeds inscribed around the walls gave evidence that this was indeed a famous team. On a stand was preserved the autographed football (of six panels) used in the first game played at Hampden Park—in 1905, if my memory serves me right—when Celtic were beaten 1-0. Hampden Park has held the record attendance of 149,000, which is more than double the capacity of Highbury.

This is Queen's Park's home ground, but to preserve the almost sacred turf, Reserve matches are played on Little Hampden, an adjoining ground. One approach to the vast arena is through Battle Road, a suitable reminder of the many epic struggles that have taken place there.

Queen's Park (the "Spiders") are now in the Second Division of the Scottish League, losing their previous proud status in 1948, but the reason for this fall from grace is easy to find. Being an amateur club, the players receive no payment, and consequently tempting offers come from other clubs to the best players. Queen's Park cannot enter into financial transfers, and thus the club is repeatedly shorn of its key men. The club was saved from relegation just after the war by a reallocation of the League, but losing eleven of the best players to professional clubs in 1946 and 1947 led to certain relegation in 1948.

The most famous wearer of the once narrow black and white hoops was Alan Morton, who gained the title of the "blue devil" at Glasgow Rangers for the ease with which he riddled opposing defences. Queen's Park supply the entire Scottish Amateur XI, half the team that represented Great Britain in the last Olympic Games, and Brown, the Scottish international keeper, at the end of the war. They now don a white jersey, sometimes worn outside the shorts in accordance with an old amateur custom. All Scottish football followers will be pleased to see this great amateur side back in the First Division, such is the affection with which they are regarded.

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Pacific Jottings

From KEN Warburton (with acknowledgments to P.I.M., May, 1951)

RABAUL ROUNDABOUT

In the soccer world of Rabaul, games for natives have already commenced. The opening game was attended by District Commissioner Macarthy and his wife. This game went off smoothly, but during the second game between local natives and a Police Boys' team, the affair rapidly developed into a pitched battle. Officials hastily intervened and explained the rules, particularly those of sportsmanship, to the irate players. No doubt they considered these very effete ideas, but having grasped the rudiments the game was carried on in the best traditions of Eton and Harrow! Trophies have been ordered for presentation at the end of the season, and in the meantime a League has just been formed.

BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS TEAM FOR NEW ZEALAND?

A team of Solomon Island native soccer players may visit New Zealand for a two months' tour next year. It is proposed that the team, with a European manager, will travel in the Melanesian Mission ship "Southern Cross" and members of the team will pay their own fares. (They are hardly likely to walk out of their accommodation!) The skill of the native footballers has not as yet been put to any real test, but judging by their showing against visiting warships, it is believed they will hold their own. They will play in bare feet. The proposed visit is welcomed in New Zealand soccer circles.

SECRETARY'S NOTES



Third and Fourth Divisions.—On July 7 the League competitions will be completed for the Third and Fourth Divisions. On July 14 a competition, run on Cup-tie lines, will be commenced in which all teams in the above Divisions will participate. "Soccer News" will publish the fixtures on June 30, 1951.

Fourth Division.—Last Saturday, 16th, I had the pleasure of watching Polonia v. Frankston at Kooyong Park. The score, 8-2, for Polonia, does not denote very much to the soccer fans. It does not show the stubborn resistance offered by Frankston. For 90 minutes the Frankston boys played hard against a superior team. The final result did not do justice to them. I do not wish to take the credit from Polonia for winning this match. Polonia played a good, clean game. Their forwards were trying to score goals all the time and the defence, controlled by Zablocki, had an understanding which could well be copied by clubs in higher divisions.

In conclusion, thank you, Frankston and Polonia, for a sportsmanlike, clean match, and I would suggest to soccer fans that if they desire 90 minutes' entertainment on a Saturday afternoon they do not need to watch First Division soccer.

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HOME and AWAY

By REX BENSON



SHARPSHOOTERS

Sewell's feat of all seven goals was also performed by Ted Drake, the Arsenal centre-forward, on the Villa Ground before the war. The English League record is ten, by Joe Payne when playing as a "make-shift" centre-forward for the first time for Luton against British Rovers in 1936.



Ross McKenzie

FUTURE TEST MAN?

Ross ("Macca") McKenzie, Brighton left-winger, enhanced his chances of Test selection in the Australian XI game at Richmond. Starved for passes, as also was Joe Wilson on the right, "Macca" still made a good enough showing to earn a place in the Australian XI side at Adelaide today.

FIRST-TIMER

Playing against Scotland at Wembley in 1944, Jimmy Hagan scored with his first kick of the match when the game had been in progress for only a minute.

QUIZ

Goalkeeper muffs a goal-kick and ball rolls forward about eight yards. Centre-forward pounces upon it and shoots into the net. Is it a goal? **Answer.**—No. Ball must be kicked out of the penalty area from a goal-kick, or from any other kick to the defending team in the area.

LUCK WAS OUT

Joe Kennedy, who comes weekly from Traralgon to play centre-forward for Moreland, had his share of bad luck during the English tour. Played at right-half on Wednesday, Joe developed 'flu on Thursday and was out of the game on Saturday.

ENGLAND CAPTAIN ORDERS HEAVY ROLLER

Is it cricket No, not Freddie Brown, but Reg. Flewin, before the international match at Richmond, to make a firmer playing surface. Victorian forwards should have asked for sightboards behind the goals at the M.C.G.



Joe Kennedy

'FRISCO GAME FOR ENGLAND?

The visitors hope to play in San Francisco on the way home. They played in New York under floodlight on the outward journey.

CUP O' CHAR, CHUM!

Judging from the custom adopted by the English tourists, the half-time break is no longer known as lemon-time, but tea-time.

NOBODY TOLD HIM

When the Charlton players returned to their dressing-rooms after a London game had to be abandoned because of fog, Sam Bartram was missing. Unaware the match was over, he was still guarding his goal.

LOCAL SUPPORT

The "Frankston Post" has been asking if the local team is running a Soccer Carnival Queen. Nice to find such local interest shown in a Soccer team.

Highlights of Victoria v. England at M.C.G., Saturday, June 9



Frank Broome jumps high to head at goal, but Czauderna gets to it. In the picture also are Jack (Vic.), Webster (England), one or two other players and 14,009 of 33,000 people who saw this game.



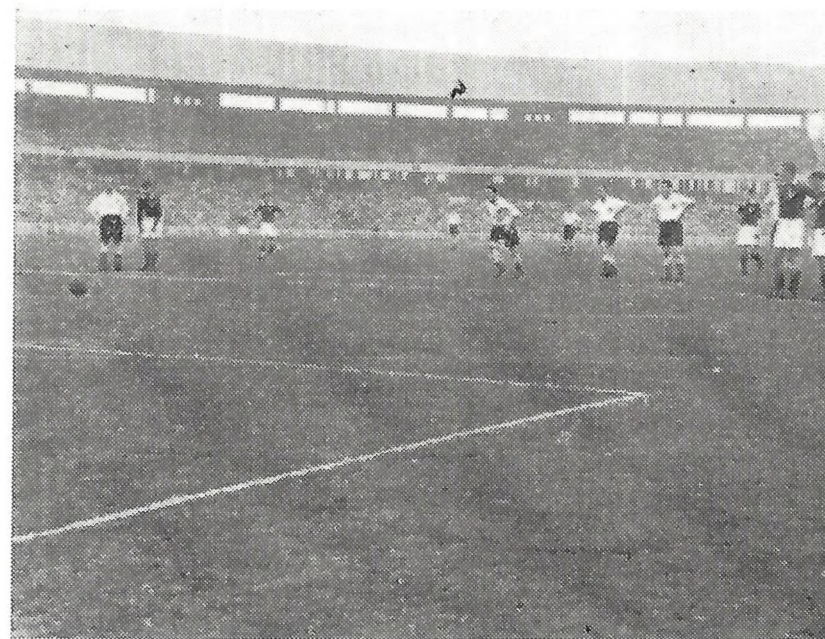
The finish of one of Gordon Hurst's devastating right-wing dashes. Readers will notice that there were one or two spectators there.



Bobby Langton goes down and a penalty is awarded against Victoria.



—and follows up with a glad smile to kick his 6th goal as Czauderna fails to hold the penalty kick.



Jackie Sewell commences his run up to kick the penalty. In the picture also are Drummond, Drennan, Zakomarok, Bambro, Jack and Wetherall (Victoria) and Hurst, Broome, Langton and Webster (England).

These photos taken by our cameraman, Frank Waghorn, graphically illustrate the scene of the play at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Saturday, June 9.

Open Letter to 'The Soccer Association'

By BILL BOWMAN

I, like others, have refrained from making any comments while hard working soccer enthusiasts were giving and doing their best to make the English team's visit a success—and succeeded. They are to be congratulated, but the onlooker sees much, and many points in the organisation could be improved upon. At the trials for picking the teams, on the line, one hears cries of dismay at seeing players too old and out of condition for any chance of selection, while young budding players were on the line who might not have been up to representative standard, but with encouragement might have made the grade. At least, they would have the pace and would have certainly created a better impression to the average onlooker if no selector was attached to any club. My biggest concern, however, is the "oversea player" complex that many of the present-day administrators of the game have. Those of the old school can see history repeating itself. Why delude ourselves? The schools are the only place to make the game advance. Nothing else can do it and those of us who have tried to get it in the schools know the prospects are nil. So let me humbly suggest that schoolboys' teams be compulsory for First and Second Division teams. I can hear the cry: "Who is going to look after them?" I am going the "whole way" and demand that all schoolboy matches should be curtain-raisers to the First Division teams. This would allow managers and coaches to be on hand to see a First team match, as these gentlemen are usually occupied all Saturday morning with the boys. Secondly, young boys often attract their parents to see them. Saturday afternoons are mostly convenient and the close contact with senior players and schoolboys usually creates mutual interest, plus free advice from senior to schoolboy. Boys must have their heroes and, most important, the schoolboy must see some of a senior game which is more valuable than that often happens at present. The coach or manager of the schoolboys is trying to tell the team how to play and referee at the same time. How many schoolboys are attracted to a senior game in the afternoon after he has played his game in the morning? I could quote many other advantages and see no reason against making a change.

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Letters To The Editor

Readers are invited to send along queries, suggestions, etc., to the Editor. All will be given appropriate consideration.

Sir,—In view of Mr. J. McCarthy's request in last week's Junior Section, that his other three junior selectors should turn up at the junior State trials, I was surprised to see him with only one companion at the Under 19 State trial last Sunday. It seems a pity that the chances of these boys to represent their State should depend largely on hearsay, for what else can their chances depend on if the selectors do not see the trial games. Surely the junior association can find men for this job sufficiently keen to go and watch these fine young fellows in action.—Yours, etc., FORWARD, Box Hill.

Sir,—It has been a very nice surprise for me seeing the front page of No. 13 "Soccer News" published for me only. I am very happy indeed and wish to thank all members of the Victorian team for their great sportsmanship. I wish to thank "Soccer News" for the friendly attitude towards me and for presenting a Koala bear, which undoubtedly will be the greatest sport trophy I have ever received. I think each member of the Victorian team should get it, for without any exception all played a good game.

Once again I wish to thank you and Victorian Soccer Football Association's selectors for giving me the opportunity of playing the best game of my life against the English professionals—the best players in the world.—Yours, etc., STEFAN CZAUDERNA.

Sir,—After seeing Czauderna (Victoria) and Lord (Australia) in action I feel that the Victorian soccer fans should campaign to seek a trial for our goalkeeper. Czauderna is by far the better player. His aerial and ground work and anticipation are superior to Lord's. After England scored its first goal—a gift—I heard many people around me say, "Our 'keeper wouldn't have done that!"

Czauderna is another reason why Victoria should challenge New South Wales for soccer supremacy.—Yours, etc., J.J.F.

[We regret to say that the Australian Association will not consider the claims of any player who is not British born or a naturalised British subject. Our own views on Czauderna we made clear last week.—EDITOR.]

Sir,—I would like the following inserted in "Soccer News" under the heading, "Give Credit Where Credit Is Due":—

Yallourn.—This country club for years has been striving to gain prestige in the soccer world. The club that travels 90 miles every away game—Senior, Reserve and Junior—has to find something like £500 each season to do so. Yet, the team is always regarded as "fruit for the sideboard" by metropolitan teams. Have hit the headlines, but what headlines! Accused of illegal tactics to win a game! The reporter of these drastic headlines was evidently not at the game and based his report on secondhand information only.

Coming up from the Second Division, Yallourn has proved beyond doubt that it is as good as, if not better than, most of the so-called crack metropolitan teams. Look at its performances up to date. At Brighton, first game, its players took a point from what was supposedly a crack-a-jack team, defeated last season's champions (Sunshine United), defeated Prahran (the team with no fewer than five or six interstate players) and they were congratulated by Prahran's president for their clean and decisive win, and, lastly, defeated the unbeaten Box Hill by 6 goals to 2. For a team without any "stars" surely it is deserving of more credit than the doubtful headlines of using illegal tactics. Let credit be given where credit is due. He who loses and congratulates his victor is a true sportsman.—Yours, etc., FRANK McIVER.

Club Jottings

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BOX HILL

Park Rangers came to Box Hill last Saturday, hoping to collect two valuable points to escape the relegation zone.

Box Hill took the initiative and after only ten minutes had scored its first goal. Overall, receiving a perfect pass from Neil, went on to give Murray in goal no chance with a well-placed shot. The Rangers had not settled down when the second goal was scored. Brown placed between the backs and Neil converted. At the interval the Hillmen were leading 2-0, but the Rangers' forwards had tried hard to reduce the leeway.

In the second half Park Rangers received a penalty when a Box Hill defender handled, and Wilson converted for the Rangers after Goddard had saved at the first attempt. Rangers' forwards were now playing the better football but were handicapped as Lee at outside-left was unable to do his best through a leg injury.

Stubbs at centre-half for Box Hill with great football had a steady influence on the defence, but the forwards, despite several opportunities to score, lacked finish and understanding. On the run of play generally the Rangers were unlucky not to draw. It must win some of the remaining games to stay in the First Division. Result: Box Hill 2, Park Rangers 1.

Best Players:—Park Rangers—Holder, Wilson, P. Clark. Box Hill—Hiatt, Stubbs, Goddard.

On Sunday, July 15, Box Hill will play Juventus at Olympic Park in a benefit match for injured players. All soccerites are asked to come along. Support this worthy cause and see a great game.—A. JARVIS.

BRIGHTON THIRDS

Brighton Third was able to push home another victory at Coburg last week, the score being 5-2. The boys were very pleased with the performance of the inside-right and right-wing. These two players, Allan and Harry, scored between them 3 goals. The manager, Harold Howells, is a tower of strength and he completed the forward approach work by scoring two goals. The "Rock of Gibraltar" on the back line is centre-half, Johnny Wake. His anticipation and powerful clearances are headaches to the opposing forwards. Goalie W. Thomas pulled off some dangerous shots and quickly turned the tide of events by swiftly clearing to the forwards. If play against Olympic is as good as last week's the result will again be gratifying.

FIFERS

Last week's mud and heavy ball did nothing to show up the game against Preston, and four goals shared gave the spectators enough to keep them warm. A feature of the game was the will to fight back, shown by the home team being twice in arrears. A continuance of that spirit will, we're sure, keep the boys off the relegation zone. The Reserves, in spite of a big defeat, had a good game, but still feel weak in one or two positions.

Now, fellows, we're after ideas for the social committee to put on an extra special show, so let's have a word from you. We're still after that strip and find the "lucre" hard to come by, so this is where you can help yourselves. This, too, is where you can help Sam Agnew—by ordering your copy of "Soccer News." When the Reserves play away, Sam is always anxious about whether all you boys have a copy and he always retains some for you, but make his job easier by ordering in advance. Good luck today, boys!

MOORABBIN CITY

The Senior team went down last Saturday to a much improved Royal Caledonian team. Down 3-1 at half-time, Moorabbin at the re-start at once attacked and a penalty came within two minutes. A goal at this stage would

have made the game interesting. The home captain took the kick and missed badly. Given plenty of support by the left-half (best man on the ground), the visitors went further ahead. Quickness to the ball and alertness in receiving and distributing were main factors in "Callies'" win. The 1-0 defeat of the Reserves denotes improvement. The spirit is there, so it is hoped it won't be long now.

Under 19 team once again held the champion Brighton to a draw in the Cup replay. From reports, Moorabbin Juniors must have all seen the English team and learned something. Good luck, boys.

The supporters of the club are still doing a grand job. The next club dance at the Moorabbin Town Hall is on Saturday, June 23.—FRANK McIVER.

SOUTH YARRA

South Yarra scored first against Sandringham City when Vosper, putting over a grand centre from the left-wing, enabled Durnian to run in and beat Parkhouse. The heavy ground slowed the game up and it soon became noticeable those players who had not been training. Bingham came through with a grand effort and was unfortunate in hitting the bar with a long-range shot. The game veered backwards and forwards, both sides missing chances through wild shooting. Half-time came with South Yarra leading, 1-0.

Sandringham went off at a great pace upon resuming and the South Yarra defence worked overtime but went under when Wilson put Sandringham level. Not long after Yarra regained the lead when a penalty was awarded for handling the ball. Hanna converted the shot but Parkhouse in a gallant effort got his hands to the ball but could not hold it. The final whistle went with both sides very tired. South Yarra 2, Sandringham City 1.

South Yarra Reserves played a draw at Sandringham, 2-2. Scorers for South Yarra were Robinson and Moore.

South Yarra Juniors Under 17 collected 2 points from Sandringham Juniors, Campbell getting both goals.

South Yarra will soon be back at full strength with G. Hirst and F. Burrows recovered from injuries and fit to play again.—W. G. BINYON.

SUNSHINE UNITED

Yallourn gave the home side a hard-fought struggle in a drawn game. The visitors' good scoring chances were frustrated by superb play by Doherty and Harraden, backed by Roberts in top form in goal. The Gippslanders were fortunate with a "gift" goal in the opening five minutes through a miss-kick by Les Bird. Flashes of good play were seen throughout the game. J. Taylor (centre-forward) equalised from a good pass from R. Lowe at centre-left. Sunshine scored again but J. Taylor was off-side, corners were plentiful and it was remarkable that there were no wasted ones on either side, but good clearances were made by both defences.

ULSTERVILLE

Against Heidelberg at Royal Park an interesting sporting game ensued. Taking a cue from the English soccer team, Ulsterville kept the ball on the ground, and its passing was delightful. Ulsterville lead at half-time by 3 goals, all scored by A. Branagh, to nil. On resuming, Ulsterville continued the better side and goals from A. Branagh (2), S. Cairnduff (2), and D. Ruddock made the final score 8-1.

Ulsterville has a splendid band of Reserves and supporters who are at every match, and it is hoped to have a Reserve team next year.

J. Managh and W. Campbell are still indisposed. We hope they will soon have recovered. Each Wednesday night after training the boys are the appreciative guests of the ladies at tea.

Last Sunday some members played for Ireland against Scotland and gave a good account of themselves. Any Irish soccer player interested in a trial for the Laidlaw Cup series is requested to contact Mr. A. Branagh, hon. sec., 38 William Street, Newport.—RED HAND.

Junior Section

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JUNIOR TRIAL GAME

Next Sunday, June 24, at Yarra Park, the Under 17 years of age trial will commence at 1 o'clock. Players selected to play are: Goals, Wilson, Lindsay; backs, Haycroft, Hartley; left-backs, Hart, Bowman; right-back, Gallus, Young; centre-half, Pepper, McKenzie; left-half, Bradshaw, Traynor; outside-right, Rennie, McLaughlin; inside-right, Costello, Roberts; centre, Tobias, Eastaway; inside-left, James, Southey; outside-left, Pirota, Cousins. Reserves: McIver, Robinson, McColl, Whitehead.

All the lads are really enthusiastic by their response in turning up. But what about the selectors? Surely these boys deserve a fair go. It is up to you. Delegates interested who wish to go on selection committee, contact Mr. Dignam, Secretary Junior Association, 18 Helm Street, Ascendale.

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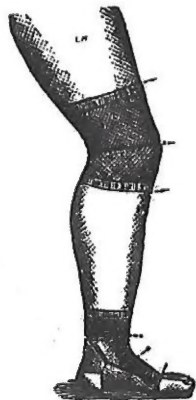
WHEN TACKLING, GET THE BALL

When you go in to tackle, you are intending to get the ball. Do not forget this. A tackle does not mean a half-hearted effort to whisk the ball away from your opponent. It means going in firmly with the inside of your foot blocking the ball and the weight of your body firmly following through, and with one shoulder thrust forward to take any shock of impact. This is for a fairly straight head-on tackle. A tackle from the side is done more by the feet alone, but again the body must not be hanging back, otherwise the tackle is not firm.

The sliding tackle is not recommended for two reasons:

- (1) If you miss, you will end up flat on the ground, and therefore no object has been served other than an advantage to the other side;
- (2) If you are a fraction late, you concede a free kick for tripping. This may give away a goal. My advice it, don't use it.

Another is the two-footed tackle which is almost impossible to make without jumping. As you know, to jump when making a tackle is a foul. There is no objection to blocking the ball with both feet providing you do not jump.



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Junior Natterings By Reccos

In reply to Mr. A. J. Essex, of Hakoah J.R.C., in reference to my quoting of orthodox soccer. I am in agreement with the type of game (being as we know it as the three-back style of play), that Mr. Essex explained in his letter to the Editor.

Unfortunately, in many of the Junior games that I have witnessed, this style of play has not been adopted by most Junior teams.

As the three-back or stopper game is comparatively new to our Juniors, most having been taught the attacking centre-half, with the wing-halves marking the wing forwards, I differentiate the two types of play by calling the latter orthodox soccer.

To assist our Juniors in developing the positional play that our English visitors displayed, I repeat that more concentration and time should be given by club coaches to these boys. Whilst on this subject, Alex Barr, of Brighton, suggests that a Junior nursery be formed. I quote from Alex a brief summary of this idea:

- (a) That a ground and equipment be made available in a central district, preferably for Sunday mornings;
- (b) An unlimited number of boys would be welcome to attend for instructional purposes in individual, team, and positional play;
- (c) Picture nights with educational films on soccer to be shown, and explained by experienced players.

The following Senior players are in favor of this idea, and have volunteered their services to act as coaches to the boys:—A. Drennan (Sunshine United), A. Barr, T. Jack, B. Drummond (Brighton), E. Heath (Moreland), J. Wilson, J. Bambo (Prahran), and numerous others.

With this magnificent offer no time should be lost in starting this nursery.

I hope that our Senior and Junior associations, also all clubs, will view this idea with consideration and convey further suggestions and remarks through the medium of "Soccer News." More information will be given in the next issue of this paper.



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LEAGUE TABLES AS AT JUNE 16, 1951

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First Division

Prahran	11	6	2	3	39	22	15
Brighton	11	5	2	4	33	14	14
Yallourn	11	5	0	6	26	15	14
Sunshine United	11	6	3	2	24	19	14
Box Hill	11	6	3	2	29	23	13
South Yarra	11	4	4	3	29	22	11
Sandringham City	11	3	5	3	20	25	9
Park Rangers	11	2	5	4	18	21	8
Footscray City	10	2	5	3	16	32	7
Sunshine City	10	0	10	0	12	53	0
Footscray City v. Sunshine City match abandoned.							

Second Division

J.U.S.T.	11	10	1	0	51	13	20
Juventus	11	7	1	3	42	12	17
Hakoah J.R.C.	11	7	3	1	34	19	15
Moreland	10	7	2	1	20	14	15
F.N.D.	11	4	6	1	26	37	9
South Melbourne	10	4	6	0	25	32	8
Preston	11	2	6	3	21	43	7
Fifers	10	2	6	2	18	30	6
University	11	2	8	1	19	38	5
George Cross	10	2	8	0	18	35	4

First Division Reserves

Park Rangers	11	7	2	2	39	16	16
Yallourn	11	6	3	2	35	18	14
South Yarra	11	4	1	6	20	13	14
Brighton	11	6	3	2	24	22	14
Prahran	11	6	4	1	35	26	13
Sunshine United	11	5	5	1	26	22	11
Box Hill	11	5	6	0	25	28	10
Footscray City	11	2	6	3	16	29	7
Sandringham City	11	1	7	2	10	31	6
Sunshine City	11	2	8	1	14	39	5

Second Division Reserves

Moreland	10	10	0	0	30	9	20
Juventus	10	8	2	0	33	7	16
Hakoah J.R.C.	10	7	2	1	28	8	15
F.N.D.	11	5	5	1	27	33	11
J.U.S.T.	10	5	5	0	27	9	10
University	10	4	5	1	19	30	9
George Cross	10	4	6	0	17	20	8
Preston	11	3	7	1	17	16	7
Fifers	11	2	7	2	15	46	6
South Melb. United	11	1	10	0	12	47	2

Third Division

Inter. Harvester	11	10	1	0	51	8	20
Royal Caledonians	11	6	3	2	29	28	14
Coburg	11	5	3	3	28	17	13
Moorabbin City	11	6	4	1	26	29	13
White Eagles	11	5	5	1	33	19	11
Williamstown	11	4	7	0	27	23	8
Olympic	11	4	7	0	22	35	8
Woodlands	11	0	10	1	6	63	1

Fourth Division

Polonia	11	11	0	0	61	4	22
Ulsterville	11	9	2	0	44	14	18
Slavia	10	8	2	0	40	19	16
Macabbi	10	6	4	1	35	23	13
Frankston	11	4	6	1	30	31	9
Heidelberg	11	2	9	0	9	64	4
Geelong United	10	0	9	1	12	44	1
Balwyn United	10	0	9	1	14	47	1

Slavia v. Balwyn United.—No result telephoned.

Third Division Reserves

Polonia	11	10	1	0	77	13	20
Park Rangers	11	9	0	2	36	13	20
South Yarra	10	7	1	2	48	23	16
Williamstown	10	5	2	3	39	33	13
R.A.A.F.	9	5	2	2	44	28	12
Coburg	10	4	5	1	41	33	9
Brighton	10	4	5	1	19	29	9
Box Hill	9	3	5	1	32	34	7
Macabbi	7	1	6	0	7	28	2
Olympic	7	1	6	0	3	56	2
Moorabbin City	9	0	9	0	13	51	0
Royal Caledonians	7	0	7	0	5	29	0

RESULTS WANTED FOR JUNE 16

Second Division Reserves. — J.U.S.T. v. George Cross; Juventus v. Moreland.

Third Division Reserves. — Royal Caledonians v. Moorabbin City; Olympic v. Macabbi.

(Home Club Secretaries, please 'phone results of above matches to LB 1444.)

JUNIOR LEAGUE TABLES AS AT JUNE 16, 1951

Under 19 Division

Brighton	7	7	0	0	22	2	14
Preston	8	6	2	0	25	8	12
Sunshine United	6	5	1	0	18	4	10
Juventus	7	4	2	1	15	11	9
South Melbourne	6	3	1	2	17	8	8
Moorabbin City	5	1	3	1	5	10	3
Sandringham City	5	1	3	1	5	13	3
Yallourn	5	1	4	0	7	10	2
Northcote	5	1	4	0	10	15	2
Footscray City	5	1	4	0	4	14	2
Hakoah J.R.C.	7	0	6	1	2	35	1

Under 17 "A" Section

Brighton	8	6	0	2	25	7	14
South Yarra	8	4	3	1	16	14	9
Army Appren. "A"	6	3	2	1	14	10	7
Sandringham City	8	3	4	1	24	18	7
Park Rangers	8	2	5	1	11	14	5
Sunshine United	7	2	4	1	5	16	5
Sunshine City	7	2	4	1	4	20	5

Under 17 "B" Section

Box Hill	9	6	1	2	36	12	14
Northcote	9	6	2	1	18	13	13
South Melbourne	7	4	3	0	17	10	8
Army Appren. "B"	8	1	4	3	9	27	5
Preston	7	1	4	2	6	16	4
Coburg	6	0	4	2	7	15	2

Under 15 Division

Sunshine United	7	7	0	0	34	4	14
Brighton "A"	8	4	2	2	36	9	10
Northcote	7	5	2	0	25	10	10
Brighton "B"	6	5	1	0	17	8	10
South Melbourne	6	4	1	1	16	3	9
Preston	8	4	4	0	14	12	8
Park Rangers	8	2	4	2	8	15	6
Box Hill	7	2	4	1	12	25	5
Ringwood Boys	8	2	6	0	14	23	4
Moreland	6	1	5	0	5	47	2
South Yarra	7	0	7	0	3	28	0

Under 14 Division

Coburg	8	7	0	1	49	4	15
Sandringham City	9	6	1	2	43	9	14
Park Rangers	9	6	2	1	47	7	13
South Melb. "A"	8	5	1	2	54	11	12
Box Hill "A"	9	5	4	0	37	22	10
Sunshine City	8	4	4	0	36	18	8
Brighton	9	3	6	0	10	42	6
Moorabbin City	9	2	7	0	5	62	4
Box Hill "B"	8	1	7	0	4	67	2
South Melb. "B"	9	1	8	0	1	44	2